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**Garden-to-Table Recipes
From Chef Jamie Oliver**

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What's New For Spring

We sift through plants, tools,
and more to bring you the top
picks for the new season.

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1 TRAILING PANSY

Great for hanging baskets, 'Plentifall' is the first-ever cascading pansy. Chilly weather won't stop the show.

Available at garden centers nationwide.

2 TINY TINES

Just 16 inches long, this nimble gadget goes where big rakes can't, cleaning leaves from between shrubs and other tight spaces.

\$13; burgonandball.com



“This year, plant some edibles among your ornamentals, or vice versa.”

Debra Prinzing, contributing editor



3 STAR PERFORMER

A yellow star pattern in the black ‘Phantom’ petunia, *above*, pairs beautifully with chartreuse or black sweet potato vine. Available at garden centers nationwide.



4 FASHION FEEDER

The Modern Ranch feeder is a diner for birds and contemporary art for bird lovers. \$85; popdeluxe.net

5 TROPICAL SPLASH

Savor the delicious colors of ‘Raspberry Moon’ caladium, *left*. \$22.50 for 10 bulbs; classicalcaladiums.com



6 BAR TENDER

After a hard day’s gardening, Saipua soaps bring tired hands back to mint condition. \$8 each; saipua.com/shop

7 PURPLE PEEPERS

The yellow “eyes” of Blackberry Punch calibrachoa, *right*, will make you look twice. Go to provenwinners.com to find a retailer.





8 SHAMROCK CHIC

The plush black foliage of *Oxalis* 'Charmed Velvet', above, adds dark contrast to container combinations. Go to provenwinners.com to find a retailer.



9 MYTHIC BEAUTY

Indoors or out, 'Gryphon' begonia, below, delivers tough but gorgeous foliage. Available at garden centers nationwide.



10 STAND-UP SEDUM

There's no flip-flopping on this BHG Test Garden favorite. Sturdy stems on 'Maestro' sedum, above, stand up to the elements. \$12; plantdelights.com

11 SLEEK SLIP-ONS

The sporty Crocband Flat is comfy and easy to clean after a day in the dirt. \$35; crocs.com





12 IN THE LOOP

Get a grip on your snips. These loop-handle shears offer improved control and comfort. \$13; available at The Home Depot.

13 STAR POWER

The name says it all: *Sanvitalia* 'Million Suns', right, bursts with blooms all season. Available at garden centers nationwide.



14 MELLOW MALLOW

Try 'Slightly Strawberry' cape mallow, left, in a pot. No deadheading necessary. Go to provenwinners.com

15 RIDIN' THE RAILS

Straddling a fence or rail, these vibrant containers go where pots have never gone before. Simply pop them on! \$28 each; aplusrstore.com



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